

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 10 and 12 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An inkjet printing apparatus which includes a printhead that discharges ink and an ink tank detachably attached to the printhead, and executes printing by using the printhead that discharges the ink supplied from the ink tank, comprising:

detection means for detecting presence/absence of the ink tank;

cleaning means for cleaning the printhead; and

control means for inhibiting a cleaning operation by said cleaning means when ~~a detection result from~~ said detection means detects presence/absence of the ink tank and indicates that the ink tank is not attached to the printhead ~~and in a case that~~ the cleaning operation is intended to be executed at a predetermined timing during print standby.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when the ink tank is not attached to the printhead, and a printing signal is received, said control means also inhibits a printing operation by the printhead.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising output means for, when a cleaning request signal or a printing signal is received in a state in which said detection means detects that the ink tank is not attached to the printhead, outputting information representing that the ink tank is not attached to the printhead.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ink tank comprises a plurality of ink tanks which store a plurality of types of ink, respectively, and each of the plurality of ink tanks is detachably attached to the printhead.

6-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an inkjet printing apparatus which includes a printhead that discharges ink and an ink tank detachably attached to the printhead, and executes printing by using the printhead that discharges the ink supplied from the ink tank, comprising:

a detection step of detecting presence/absence of the ink tank; and

a control step of inhibiting a cleaning operation by a cleaning section that cleans the printhead when ~~a detection result from~~ said detection step detects presence/absence of the ink tank and indicates that the ink tank is not attached to the

printhead ~~and in a case that~~ the cleaning operation is intended to be executed at a predetermined timing during print standby.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A program which implements control of an inkjet printing apparatus which includes a printhead that discharges ink and an ink tank detachably attached to the printhead, and executes printing by using the printhead that discharges the ink supplied from the ink tank, comprising:

a program code for a detection step of detecting presence/absence of the ink tank; and

a program code for a control step of inhibiting a cleaning operation by a cleaning section that cleans the printhead when ~~a detection result from~~ said detection step detects presence/absence of the ink tank and indicates that the ink tank is not attached to the printhead ~~and in a case that~~ the cleaning operation is intended to be executed at a predetermined timing during print standby.

13. (Canceled)